Manager Office or in some Post offices in various sectors and this arrangement is proving inadequate due to large scale expansion of different telephone exchanges in the district;

(b) whether a large number of tele-p'none connecticas have been disconnected during the last three months due to lack of so-ordination between the district office and the post offices since credits of the paid bills are not posted in the respective accounts of subscribers; if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to review and streamline the present arrangement to safeguard the interests of telephone subscribers and avoid unnecessary inconvenience to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Ye® Sir. Payment of telephone bills of Faridabad subscribers are accepted at seven District Office counters, as well as in authorised post offices. At present, the arrangement is considered to be adequate.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Separate telephone Directory for Faridabad

4482. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that printing of names of telephone subscribers of Faridabad District in tha,Delhi Telephone Directory have been stopped for last two years, without publishing a separate Telephone Directory of Faridabad Telephones;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor; and

(c) by when a separate telephones Directory of Faridabad subscribers is likely to be printed and made available and reasons for delay for not taking timely action by the Faridabad telephone authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKHRAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The territorial jurisdiction of M.T.N.L., New Delhi does not cover Faridabad Telephone District.

(c) Separate telephone directory of Faridabad SSA is likely to be printed and made available during the calan-dar year 1995. since aTelephone direc-tory is prepared or the Faridabad SSA for the first time, it has taken time for preparation of manuscripts and finalisation of tender documents.

ASIotmeni'' of SD/STD Public Telephones

4483. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria followed in the matter of allotment of a ISD/STD public telephone;

(b) whether retired Government servants are denied this in out oppor tunity; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether waiting list for ISD/STD public telephones upto registration No. SP-214 has since been cleared un der Gurgaon Main Exchange in Har yana; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether some applicants have neither been issued the public tele phones nor any communications 'have been sent to them in this regard so far; if so, what are the reasons there for and by when they likelv to be pro-vide the ISD/STD public telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The criteria for allotment of ISD/STD Public Call Offices are giyen in the annexed statement. *(.See* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Public telephone No. 331586 has been opened on 4.3.1995 against registration No. SP-214.

(d) No, Sir. 0n receipt of applications for STD/ISD PCOs waiting list numbers are intimated to the applicants and PCOs allotted to the eligible applicants by the sTD/ISD PCO allotment Committee, after screening the applications.

Statement

Eligibility

Only educated unemployed persons are eligible to apply for allotment of STD PCOs. They should produce an unployment certificate from their local MPs/MLAs Revenue authorities qf the rank of Tehsildar and above/employment officer/Chairman or Member of Zilla Parishad/Panchayat or Village. Pradhan or Secretaries of recognised Social Organ'fsations like Rotary/Club Lions club etc. who have jurisdiction over the locality where the applicant resides. The educational qualifications for the applicants are:—

(i) for rural areas: 8th or middle school pass and above.

(ii) for urban areas: atleast matri-culat", or High School and above.

2. Selection

ISD/STD PCO allotment Committees constituted or each SSA select the applicants for allotment of STD PCOs after proper scrutiny and verification of bonafides. The Committee will allot the available number of PCOs giving preference to following categories of persons:

(a) Handicapped including blind persons

(b) SC/ST applicants

(c) Ex-servicemen/War widows

(d) Retired DOT employees or their depandents.

(e) Freedom Fighters or their de-pandents.

(f) Charitable institutions/Hospitals

The Committee is authorised to allot STD PCOs and also decide the location of the new PCOs.

General Conditions

(i) One applicant should be provided with only one Payphone. However, the existing bulk franchisees will continue to operate as per terms and cov.ditions of their existing agreement.

(ii) All. STD Payphonts should be so installed that they face public road/lane to allow free access to public.

(iii) The opening hours of such public telephone would be atleast from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

(iv) Terminal equipment used by the allottee should be interface approved and they should not be programmable locally. Simple call loggers/ charge indicatiors manufactured by Hindustan teleprinters Ltd. or other manufacturers which are interface approved by the department should be used. Use of Stop watch will not be permitted.

(V) The allottee of STD PCO will be intitled to 20 paise per call unit upto 10,000 call units, 15 paise per call unit in the range of 10,000 to 20,000 call units and 10 paise per call unit beyond 20,000 call units as commission for the total number of call units made over a period of one month. Franchisees are allowed to charge up

to a maximum of Rs. 2/- as service charges in respect of each STD/ISD Call from STD PCO.

3. *Location*

The important places given below are preferred for selecting the location of PCO

— Commercial Honsing Societies
— Resettlement Colonies
— Government Colonies
— Family Quarters of Defence Personnel
— Students Hostel
— Bus Stands
— Tourist Centres
— Airports
— Piligrim Centres

— Railway Stations
— Charitable Institutions
— Hospitals
— S3ucational Tnstitutions, Public Libraries.

पटना-जशपुर-गुमला आप्टिकल फाईबर लाईन

4484. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के रायगढ़ जिले के जशपुर नगर में आप्टिकल फाईबर केबल लाईन बिछाने और उसे बिहार के गुमला-पटना संचार लाईन से जोड़ने हेतु योजना को स्वीकृति कब दी गयी ;

(ख) उक्त टेलीफोन लाईन को बिछाने के लिए वर्ष 1994–95 में कुल कितनी धनराशि मंजूर की गई है; और

(ग) पटना-गुमला-जशपुर आप्टिकल फाईबर लाईन बिछाने के काम में जुलाई 1994 तक की प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश के रायगढ़ जिले में जशपुर शहर को बिहार में गुमला-पटना के साथ आप्टिकल फाईबर केबिल पद्धति द्वारा जोड़ने के लिए कोई मंजूरी नहीं दी गई है ।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को ध्यान में रखते हुए कोई व्यय नहीं किया गया है ।

(ग) उपर्युक्त (क) को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

जबलपुर में इलक्ट्रोनिक एक्सचेंज से जुड़े हुए क्षेत्र

4485. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जबलपुर शहर के किन-किन क्षेत्रों को अभी तक इलैक्ट्रोनिक एक्सचेंजों से जोड़ा जा चुका है और किन-किन क्षेत्रों को अभी और जोड़ने की संभावना है ;

(ख) कितने दूरभाष उपभोक्ता क्रास बार एक्सचेंज से जुड़े हुए हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इलैक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज से जोड़ने हेतु भूमिगत केबल लाईन बिछायी गई है ; केबल लाईन की गहराई कितनी होना आवश्यक है ;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि "जंक्शन बाक्स" सीमेंटिड बनाये जाना आवश्यक है; यदि हां, तो क्या इन जंक्शन बाक्सों को सीमेंटिड बनाया गया हैं; और

(ङ) क्या दूरसंचार विभाग ने इस काम को ठेके पर कराया है; यदि हां, तो किन-किन ठेकेदारों से और इस पर कितना व्यय हुआ ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) सभी क्षेत्रों को इलैक्ट्रोनिक एक्सचेंजों से जोड़ दिया गया है। केवल बिना एस०टी०डी०वाले टेलीफोन कनेक्शन क्रासबार एक्सचेंज से दिए गए हैं।